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INSCRIPTIONS FROM THE OLD BURYING GROUND IN DODGE'S ROW (NORTH BEVERLY).

COPIED BY WELLINGTON POOL, AUGUST 18, 1882.

Here lies Buried | the body of | M^r Phineas Dodge | who departed | this life July, | 19^{th} 1759 in | the 72 year. | of²

Here lies YE BODY OF | Mrs. Martha Dodge | YE Wife of Mr. | Phinehas Dodge | who died March | YE 31 1724 Aged | 39 Years.

In Memory of | Capt. Jacob Dodge, | who died Dec. 13th 1792 | in the 77th Year | of his Age.

Mrs. Elizabeth Dodge | Relict of | Capt. Jacob Dodge, | died Oct. 20, 1806, | Æ. 80.

She died in hopes of a glourious Immortality.

Here Lies Buried | The body of | Mr. Amos Dodge | who was born | August 28 1717 | and departed | This life Feb. RY 27 | 1755 in the 38 | Year of his age. In | Memory of | Mrs. Hannah Dodge | wife of Lieu. | William Dodge, | who died June 6, | 1790 in the 28 | Year of her | Age.

Pass on, my friends, dry up your tears I must lie here till Christ appears. Death is a debt to nature due I've paid the debt and so must you.

In Memory of | Mrs. Jerusha Dodge | wife of Lieu. | William Dodge | who died | Sept. 15 1805. | ZE. 45 |

This ground lies a little south of the Wenham line, and has probably been used quite as much by the people of Wenham Neck, as by the people of "the Row." See appendix for the deed of conveyance.

² Crumbled off.



by her side is Axor | her son who died | Oct. 4 1805. | Æt 9 years.

Weep not for me, my pains are o'er, We soon shall meet to part no more.

Here lyes ye body of | M's Elizabeth Dodge | Wife of Mr. Parker | Dodge who died | Decem^r y^e 25 1715 | Aged 24 years | Blessed are they y^t | Di in y^e Lord.



Here Lyes Y^E Body | of Samuel Dodge | Sen^R who departed | this life in Ipswich | Upon Y^E 4^{TH} day of | Decem^{ER} Anno Dom. | 1705 in Y^E | 61^{ST} Year of IIIs Age.

Here Lyeth ye body of Mary | Dodge wife to Samⁿ Dodge who | died Augst ye 6th 1717 | Aged 73 years.

Here lies y^{E} | Body of Ame | Dodge who | Died March y^{E} | 29^{TH} 1719 in ye | 36^{TH} y^{R} of Her Age.

³ Footstone.



Here lies y^e | body of Mr. | Josiah Dodge | who died Janu- | ary y^e 19 1714 | aged 50 years | If we believe | as Christ hath said | Al shall arise | y^t here are laid.

Here Lyeth ye body | of Sarah ye wife | Formerly to Josiah | Dodge who March | ye 17th died 1729-30 | in ye 60th year of | her Age.

Here Lyes y°
Body of Mr
Richard Dodg°
who died y°
dy of Appril
13 1705 Aged
63 years.

Also Mary y^e Wife of Richrd Dodge Lyes here who die^d Nov^{mr} 2 1716 Aged 75 years.

Here Lieth y^e Body of | M^r Andrew Dodge | Who died February y^e | 17^{th} 1747-8 in y^e 72nd | year of his Age.

Here lies the | Body of Sarah Dod | Ge the Wife of And | Rew Dodge Ho die | D in Y^E 6 of June | in Y^E 60th Year | of Har Age. | 1734.

Here Lyes the \mid bodi of Hannah \mid Fisk the wife of \mid Andrew Dodge \mid Ho died in the 30 \mid year of Han Age \mid December $2^{\rm d}$ \mid 1703.

Here lieth | T⁵

body of | anna Dodge ye | daugh-

⁴ Lies on the ground.

⁵ Crumbled off.

ter of Andrew | Dodge that he had | by his first wife | she died Aprel ye 19 | 1704.

Note. The above is on the headstone and the following is on the footstone to the same grave.

Here | Lieth ye body of | Hannah Dodge | She died in ye | 5 fift year of har | Age Aprel ye 19 | 1704.

ye Body of)odge wife to ob Dodge who D'd⁶

) ecember ye 19th 1740 | in ye 29th year of her Age | Also Jacob their son died ye | 29th Aged A 11 days.

Here lies Y^E body of Mr. | Barnabas Donge who died | October Y^E 11 1739 ^{IN} Y^E 33 YEAR | OF HIS AGE with His 4 chil^N | Uiz: Martha Lucy Hephzi | Rogers Dodges Martha died | Decem^{BR} Y^E 19 1736, in Y^E 8 YEAR | OF HER AGE Lucy died Decem^R | Y^E 14 1736 in Y^E 5 YEAR OF HER | AGE HEPHZI DIED JANUARY Y^E 27 | 1737 in Y^E 3 YEAR OF AGE | ROGERS DIED JULY Y^E 26, | 1736 AGED 14 (?) DAYS.

an to
And Mrs
(nce Dodge⁷

Who died Janur y | ye 22d 1725-6, | Aged 8 weeks.

Here lies | Y^B body of | Mr. Richard | Dodge Y^B 3D | who died July | Y^B 7 1739 | 8 D 70 years

HERE LIES Y^E | BODEY OF MRS. | MARTHA DODGE | Y^E WIFE OF MR. | RICHAR^S DODGE | Y^E 3^p Who | DIED FEBBUARY | Y^E 29 17^S IN | Y^E 69 Y^E OF | HER AGE.

⁶ The upper left hand corner of the stone is gone. Wenham Church Records give the names Sarah wife of Jacob Dodge,

⁷ The upper left hand corner of the stone is gone. Wenham Church Records give Prudence, daughter to Joseph and Prudence Dodge.

⁸ Crumbled off.



Here lies Buried | the Body of | Lieu^t. RICHARD DODGE; | who departed this Life | May y^e 11th 1778, in y^e | 75th Year of His Age.

Richard Son to

Property Richard & M

Dodge yt

i ober ye

Tabitha dau⁹ | M^r Richard and | M^{rs} Mary Dodge | Died Febu^{ry} the | 23^d 1727 in | her 2nd year.

P 9 udence dau t | M r Richard & M(rs) | Mary Dodge died | Octo b | y e 5 17 10 | In her 3 y(ear)

Abraham Son to | Mr Richard and M^{rs} | Mary Dödge Died | Sep^{tmr} 25th 1725 | Aged 3 Months.

2 Daughters of Mr. Richard & M ^{rs} Mary Dodge	
Mary died y ^e 9 th of Octo ^{br} 1737 in her 8 year	Mercy died Octo ^{br} y ^e 8 th 1737 in her 5 th year.

In memory of | Mrs. Lydia Dodge | wife of | Mr. Nicholas Dodge | who died | Sep. 27 1805. | Æ. 30 |

⁹ Crumbled off.

¹⁰ Wenham Church records give 1737.



By her side is Lucy there da | ughter who died sep. 15 1805 | Æt 18 months.

Farewell my dear husband, saith she Now from your kind bosom I leap; With Jesus my bridegroom to be, My flesh in the tomb for to sleep.

Here lies Buried | the Body of | M^{RS} Prudence | Dodge wife of M^R | William Dodge | who died August | ye 5^{TH} 1737 in y^E 5^{TH} | Year of her Age.

Here Lyeth ye body | of Tabatha Goolsmith | ¹¹Zacheus Goolsmith | who died october | ye 8 1726 in 17 | year of her Age.

¹²ndrew Dodge 1747-8

HERE LIES | YE BODY OF MARTHA | EDWARDS DAFTER | OF MR. JOSEPH | EDWARDS DIED | IN AUGUST 1726 | IN YE 2 YEAR | OF HER AGE.

In Memory of | Mr. Jacob Edwards Jun^r | who departed this Life | Feb. 1st 1800 in the 27th | year of his age.

Weep not my friends dry up your tears I must lie here till Christ appears.

He when alive all vice did shun, Straight in the path of virtue run; And now he reaps a full reward In endless glory with the Lord.

In memory of | Mr. Abraham Edwards, | who died | Nov. 17, 1800 | Æt. 52.

Farewell conflicting hopes and fears Where lights and shades alternate dwell How bright the unchanging morn appears Farewell, inconstant world farewell.

¹¹ Wife of Zacheus Goldsmith, jr., in Wenham church records.

² Broken stone lying on the ground.



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¹³ Common slabstones.

¹⁴ Illegible.

In Memory of | Mrs. Prudence, | wife of | Mr. Abraham Edwards, | & Mr. Joseph Langdall | who died | Nov. 2, 1832, aged 72 years & 6 mos.

Write blessed are the dead which die in Lord, from henceforth, yea saith the spirit; that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them.

They die in Jesus and are blest, How kind their slumbers are, From sufferings and from sins released, And freed from every snare.

BETSEY CLEVES | Died | June 9, 1851. | Aged 66 yr's | WILLIAM EDWARDS | Died at Plattsburg, N. Y. | Nov. 24, 1813, | Aged 21 y'rs | Col. | JACOB D. EDWARDS, | Died at Boston, Mass. | June 24, 1847, | Aged 47 y'rs | Daughter & sons of | Abraham & Prudence | Edwards.

jonah | DodGe¹⁵ | Sarah | DodGe¹⁵.

APPENDIX.

[COPY.]

To All People, to whom these Presents may come, We Jonathan Dodge, Weaver, Edward Dodge Husbandman & Mark Dodge Husbandman All of Beverly in the County of Essex within His Majesties Province of ye Massachusetts Bay in New England Send Greeting, Know ye that whereas our Honoured Grandfather Richard Dodge late of said Beverly deceased did in his lifetime Set apart & appoint a certain piece of land lying in said Beverly for a Burying place for himself & posterity, Which Land is bounded as followeth, beginning at a little Shrub Appletree, & so running Easterly, Six Pole & five foot, and then turning Northerly Thirteen Pole, & then turning Westerly four Pole near the Plogh'd way, and then running Southerly fourteen Pole to the Bounds first mention'd: Which parcel of Land has been ever since used by ye Descendants of said Richard Dodge & others for a Burying-Place, We therefore ye said Jonathan Dodge Edward Dodge, & Mark Dodge do by these presents confirm & establish the said Priviledge of burying in ye said Land unto Andrew Dodge of Beverly, Phinehas Dodge & Nehemiah Dodge Josiah & Thomas Dodge all of Wenham, Robert Dodge and others, the children of Ebenezer Dodge late of Bev-

¹⁵ On common slabstones.



erly decd, being ye Descendants of our late Uncle John Dodge Deceased: Richard Dodge of Ipswich, Daniel Dodge & William Dodge, both of Wenham, being ye sons of our late Uncle Richard Dodge deceased, Parker & Samuel Dodge, both of Ipswich ye sons of our late Uncle Samuel Dodge deceased, Joseph Dodge, Jonah Dodge, Elisha Dodge & Nathaniel Dodge all of Beverly, ye sons of our late Uncle Joseph Dodge deceased, unto them & their Posterity forever, as also unto our Neighbours, Thomas Edwards & Benj'a Edwards both of Wenham, unto them, and their Posterity forever. To Have and to Hold together with ourselves & our Posterity the said parcel or piece of Land for the use abovementioned, & for that only for ever; without any let molestation or hindrance from us or from any hereafter claiming by or under us, together with a convenient way to ye said Burying Place.

In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands & Seals this 24th day of February Anno Domini 1730-1. In ye 4th year of ye reign of King George ye Second, of Great Brittain, France, & Ireland &c. Signed, Sealed, & Delivered

In presence of The words between L. 17, & 18, Robert Dodge

& others ye children of Ebenezer Dodge late of Beverly dec'd were interlined before Sealing &

Delivery.

Excepting The Apple Jonathan Dodge [SEAL]

John Dodge Trees within The Bur-

ing place before Sign- Edward Dodge [SEAL]

Richard Dodge ing and Sealing 16

Joseph Edwards

Mark Dodge [SEAL]

Essex Sc March ye 13th, 1731 (2 Jonathan Dodge Edward Dodge and Mark Dodge Acknowledged this Instrument to be their Act act and Deed before.

Symouds Epes Justice Peace.

An Agreement made this Twenty fourth day of February In the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred & Thirty, Thirty one Between Andrew Dodge, Phinehas Dodge, Nehemiah Dodge, Josiah Dodge Thomas Dodge & Robert Dodge, ye son & Grandsons of John Dodge, late of Beverly in ye county of Essex in the Province of ye Massachusetts-bay in New England; Richard Dodge, Daniel Dodge & William Dodge sons of Richard Dodge late of Wenham in ye County and Province aforesaid; Jonathan Dodge, Edward Dodge, & Mark Dodge of s'd Beverly sons of Edward Dodge late of s'd Beverly; Parker Dodge & Samuel Dodge, sons of Samuel Dodge late of Ipswich in the County & province aforesaid deceased; Joseph Dodge, Jonah Dodge, Elisha

¹⁶ In another hand.



Dodge, & Nathaniel Dodge Sons of Joseph Dodge late of said Beverly deceased; Thomas Edwards & Benjamin Edwards, both of said Wenham, being Seven Families so to be considered, testifieth, That They mutually engage by these presents to build a good Sufficient Stonewall, about the Burying-Place in Beverly Belonging to ye s'd Dodge's & Edwards' within Fifteen Months from the day of ye date hereof: Each family to set up Five Pole & Five Foot of said stone wall within that Term of Fifteen months on Penalty of forfeiting The Sum of Forty Shillings to be paid to any of ye other families, which shall prosecute the default, we do oblige likwise our Selves & our Posterity, to repair annually the Defects & Ruins, that may happen in said Stonewall, Each family its proportion, on penalty of the above mention'd forfeiture, as also to maintain a convenient, & decent Gate to the Said Burying Place on Penalty of forfeiting what may be thought reasonable by three judicious & indifferent Persons, to those of us who shall be at ve cost & charge of setting it up & keeping it in repair.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands & seals the day & year first above-written.

Signed Sealed & Deliva.	His	
In presence of	Thos. V Edwards [SEAL]	
Thomas Dodge	Andrew Dodge [SEAL] mark	
John Dodge [jr.?]	Jonah Dodge [SEAL] Richd Dod - [SEAL]	
[SEAL]	Elisha Dodge [SEAL] Danll, Dodge [SEAL]	
Rice Knowlton [SEAL]	Jonathan Dodge [SEAL] William Dodge [SEAL]	
Nehēmiah Dodge [SEAL]	Edward Dodge [SEAL] Josiah Dodge [SEAL]	
Robert Dodge [SEAL]	Mark Dodge [SEAL] Thomas Dodge [SEAL]	
Richard Dodge, jr. [SEAL]	Parker Dodge [SEAL] Benjamin Edwards	
[SEAL]	Samuel Dodge [SEAL] [SEAL]	
"The agreement for fencing the burying Place." 17		

COPY OF DEEDS OF ADDITIONAL LAND FOR THE BURYING GROUND, RECORDED IN THE ESSEX REGISTRY OF DEEDS.

Know all Men By These Presents, That we Joseph Langdell of Wenham in the county of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts yeoman, and William Morgan of New Boston in the county of Hillsborough and state of New Hampshire cordwainer and Esther his wife in her

¹⁷ Endorsement on the back.

right, and Ezra Langdell yeoman and Rebecca Codman widow both of Mount Vernon in said county of Hillsborough, do for and in consideration of the sum of Fifty-three dollars and twelve cents lawful Money to us paid by Sylvester Wilkins housewright, Benjamin Edwards 2d cordwainer, John Edwards junior yeoman, Ezra Edwards yeoman and Asa B. Edwards yeoman all of Beverly in said county of Essex, and Nicholas Dodge yeoman, William Dodge yeoman, John T. Dodge yeoman, Isaac Dodge Gentleman, Downing Gentle yeoman, William Brown yeoman Abraham Dodge yeoman, Nehemiah Standley veoman, Timothy Higgins mariner, Abraham Knowlton yeoman, John Cleaves yeoman, Simon Dodge yeoman, Benjamin Edwards yeoman, Jacob Dodge yeoman, Nicholas Dodge junior, gentleman, Peter Dodge yeoman, Aaron Lee, yeoman, Sally Hooker widow, and John Dodge yeoman of Hamilton in the county of Essex, all of Wenham in said county of Essex, excepting said John Dodge, in equal proportion, the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, gram, bargain, sell, convey and confirm unto the said Sylvester Wilkins, Benjamin Edwards 2d, John Edwards, Ezra Edwards, Asa B. Edwards, Nicholas Dodge, William Dodge, John T. Dodge, Isaac Dodge, Downing Gentle, William Brown, Abraham Dodge, Nehemiah Standley, Timothy Higgins, Abraham Knowlton, John Cleaves, Simon Dodge, Benjamin Edwards, Jacob Dodge, Nicholas Dodge, junior, Peter Dodge, Aaron Lee, Sally Hooker, and John Dodge in equal proportions as tenants in common and their respective heirs and assigns forever, a certain piece of land for a burying yard situated in Beverly aforesaid containing about eightyfive poles of land and the said land is bounded as follows, viz.; beginning at the southwesternmost corner thereof against the southeasternmost corner of the old Burying



yard, so called, thence running northerly by the said old burying yard there measuring ten poles, thence running easterly by the land of the said grantors there measuring eight poles, thence running southerly by land of the heirs of Asa Dodge deceased there measuring ten poles, thence running westerly by land of said grantors there measuring nine poles to the bounds first mentioned, with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging.

Excepting and reserving to the said Joseph Langdell his heirs and assigns forever one undivided twenty-fifth part of the said granted and conveyed premises to be held in common with the aforesaid grantees for the same purposes aforesaid, To have and to hold the said granted and bargained premises with the privileges and appurtenances thereof to them the said grantees aforenamed as tenants in common and to their respective heirs and assigns forever to their own use and behoof forever, excepting the reserve as aforesaid. And we the said Joseph Langdell, William Morgan, Esther Morgan, Rebecca Codman, and Ezra Langdell respectively for ourselves our heirs, executors and administrators do covenant with the grantees aforenamed their respective heirs and assigns that we are lawfully seized in fee of the premises, that they are free of all incumbrances and that we have good right to sell and convey the same to the said grantees aforenamed, to hold as aforesaid; and that we will and our respective heirs, executors and administrators shall warrant and defend the same to the said grantees beforenamed their respective heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons excepting the said reserve to said Joseph aforesaid. And I Rebecca Dodge of said Beverly widow, in consideration of two dollars to me paid by the aforenamed grantees, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, I do hereby grant, release, remise and forever

quit claim unto the aforenamed grantees respectively their heirs and assigns forever all my right, title, and interest, estate, use, improvement, claims and demands whatever that I now have in and to the aforedescribed granted premises.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF We the said Joseph Langdell, William Morgan, Esther Morgan, Ezra Langdell, Rebecca Codman and Rebecca Dodge have hereunto set our hands and seals this twelfth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

N. B., there was eleven words interlined before signed and sealed.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of us by said Joseph ? Emme Smith Jonathan Smith Langdell) for William Morgan, Esther Morgan, James Ray Mark D. Perkins \ Ezra Langdelland Rebecca Codman. Joseph Langdell [SEAL] William Morgan [SEAL] her Esther × Morgan [SEAL] mark Ezra Langdell [SEAL] Rebecca Codman [SEAL] [Essex Reg. Deeds, 237—204.] [Seal]

Know all men by these presents, That I Joseph Langdell of Wenham in the county of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts yeoman, and Sylvester Wilkins of Beverly in the county and commonwealth aforesaid housewright, and William Morgan of New Boston in the county of Hillsborough and State of New Hampshire cordwainer, and Esther his wife in her right, in consideration of the sum of nine dollars 52 cents paid to us by Benjamin Edwards of Wenham aforesaid and twenty-four others

of the proprietors of the burying ground in Beverly being tenants in common, the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said proprietors severally and their heirs and assigns, a certain tract of land in said Beverly containing fifteen rods and three fourths, bounded southerly by the highway half a rod, then easterly by land formerly of Asa B. Edwards and the heirs of Asa Dodge deceased; then northerly to the burying ground, thence westerly by the said burying ground, and the heirs of Mark Dodge deceased and the said Sylvester Wilkins to the bound first TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same to the said proprietors their heirs and assigns to their use and benefit forever. And we do covenant with the said proprietors their heirs and assigns that we are lawfully seized in fee of the premises; that they are free of all incumbrances; that we have good right to sell and convey the same to the said proprietors and their heirs and assigns; and that we will warrant and defend the same to the said proprietors and their heirs and assigns against the lawful claims of all persons. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this thirteenth day of June one thousand eight hundred and fifteen.

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Signed, Sealed and delivered in presence of us }

Israel Friend Isaac Woodberry juur. }

Joseph Langdell . . [SEAL]

Sylvester Wilkins . . [ " ]
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Essex ss. July 6, 1815. Then the within named Joseph Langdell and Sylvester Wilkins personally acknowledged the above instrument to be their free act and deed. before me — Isaac Woodbury junr. Justice of Peace. Essex ss. Received July 27, 1824, recorded and examined by Amos Choate Reg. [Essex Reg. Deeds, 236—70.]

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